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## PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT RESULTS

Elections to be Held in Russia to Replace Some Members of the Constitutional Assembly

BOLSHEVIKI AND UKRANIANS

Reports From Petrograd Say That Northern Russia is to Receive Ample Food Supplies From Ukraine-Winter is Hindering Hostilities on All Important War Fronts-In Italy Artillery and Infantry Fighting Has Given Way to Aerial Warfare-The British Government Has Established Informal Relations With the Bolsheviki Ambassador at London.

transferred from the Russian front to the west, has been delayed for weeks, if not, possibly for months.

The peace negotiations between the Bohbeviki and the representatives the Quadratic and the representatives.

The peace negotiations between the Bolsheviki and the representatives of the Quadruple Affiance at Brest Litevsk continue, but without definite results. Another daley in the assembling of the Constituent Assembly is likely because of the issuance of a device of the second providing for new likely because of the issuance of a decree at Petrograd providing for new elections to replace members of the Constituent Assembly who are deemed not to represent the interests of the workmen and peasants.

According to reports from the Russian capital northern Russia is to receive ample food supplies from the residual control of the manufacturing of the fixed idea that the same of the fixed idea that the same only for selections.

ceive ample food supplies from themselves of the fixed idea that librarine, through the reconciliation of America entered the war only for selthe Bolsheviki and the Ukranians. fish and material interests, President Every effort has been made in the past Wilson's new message "can become a

SATISFIELD WITH WORK OF

Washington, Jan. 13.—Co

NAVY'S ORDNANCE BUREAU.

House Investigation Committee.

isfaction with the work of the navy's ordnance bureau and its preparedness

for work is expressed by Representa-

mittee, in a statement tonight sum-

The testimony convinced the com

mittee," says the statement, "that the

prevalent belief and opinion as to the

Many interesting facts brought out in secret session are disclosed by the chairman. Among other things, he says more than eleven hundred mer-chant ships have been equipped with

guns and ammunition by the navy since the steamer Campana was fitted out March 14 last, and that appreciable

quantities of guns, large and small, with ammunition for them, have been furnished to England, France and Italy.

Many merchantmen of the allies, in addition to virtually the whole Amer-ican merchant fleet, have been armed

FRICTION BETWEEN FINNISH

Owing to the III Treatment of Tray

elers by the Russians.

ceived here from Haparanda indicate that a clash is impending between the Finnish Red Guard and Russian soldiers at Tornea, on the Norwegian-Finnish frontier, owing to the ill treatment of travelers by the Russians It is reported that the Russian soldiers are configurating money, belonging to

are confiscating money belonging to the travelers crossing the border and

leave their homes in fear of roving

bands of Boishevik soldiers. The Fin-nish officials have appealed to the gov-

ernment for protection and a detach-

nent of armed Finns may be sent to

dividing it among themselves. It is stated also that the Finnish opulation along the border are afraid

to fight submarines.

navy's readiness are well founded.

Statement by Chairman Oliver of the At Syracuse There Are Snowdrifts of

weather prevails.

ed tonight.

18 Inches-20 Below Zero.

Washington, Jan. 13,-Holders

Target Practice.

Hadley at Chapel Service.

MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN

DECLARED IN COLOMBIA

the Atlantic Coast Because o

Strikes-No Trouble Anticipated.

Bogota, Colombia, Jan. 13.-Martial

law has been declared in the depart-ments on the Atlantic coast on account

of strikes. The government is confi-dent that order will be restored soon. The strikes have no political signifi-

cance and the remainder of the country

Cabled Paragraphs

Crematories Closed in Bavaria.

Crown Council in Berlin.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—According to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, a meet-ing of the crown council was to be held in Berlin today, in which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Luandorff and the German crown princ

ROBBERY AT CAMP FUNSTON Story of Tragedy Which Resulted

with a hand axe four or five men who were in the building, were told to ar-my officers today by Kearney Wornall, who, himself seriously wounded, was

For forty-eight hours Wornall, who his progress was so satisfactory to the aptain Whisler, self-inflicted at the noment of detection yesterday.

In the meantime a systematic search f the cantonment has failed to reveal any money which was stole rom the bank by Captain Whisler. Federal Bank examiners today began

sacks.

The London Daily Mail reports the testablishment by the British government of informal relations with Maxim Litvinoff, recently appointed by the Bolsheviki government of pranc, and Belgium has been almost snowbound. Thus the long-awaited German offensive, with the awaited German offensive, with the length of the south of bank with C. Fuller Winters, vice president of the National Reserve bank of Kansas City, Mo.; John W. Jewell, editor of the Camp Punston paper; Carl Ohleson of Kansas City and O. M. Hill, a cierk in the bank, yhen Cantain Whisler came to the bank

Captain Whisier came to the bank. Story of Shocking Crime.

It was about 7.30 o'clock Friday eve ing. The door was unlocked German leaders, Relations with Rus-Whisler easily gained entrance to the building. Walking around the counsia will probably be the most importter, he drew a heavy automatic pisto ter, he drew a heavy automatic pistol and told the men he was "short in his account," and believed that this was "the best bet" to remedy it.

Wornall says that the officer's remarks were treated as a joke until he took an axe from under his over-coat and struck Mr. Winters with its flat side. All of the men then were forced to lie face down on the floor, while Whisler selected money, mostly while Whisler selected money, mostly bills of large denomination, and threw them into a sack. Wornall says he then was forced to get up and bind the other men. His own hands then NORTHERN NEW YORK

Here, says the staff officer who reported Wornall's statement, the cash-ier's mind is blank and he recalls nothing that happened until he became

es from northern New York indicate that the blizzard from the west has that the blizzard from the west has struck that section with full force. Wornall had been found by a sentry wandering aimlessly outside the bank about an hour after the crime was committed. He could not answer Ogdensburg is practically isolated. Inbound trains are stuck in snowdrifts. In the main streets of that city the uestions, but mumbled unintelligibly coording to the sentry: "Don't strik snow has reached a depth of 18 in-ches, with no signs of abatment to-night. The thermometer registers him again. Are you a friend," and finally murmured "Bank robbed." Chen the alarm was given.

20 below zero. Similar conditions are repor Positively Identified Whisler. Potsdam and northern Adriondack sections. Central New York has thus That Wornall knew perfectly what far escaped the snow, though e was doing last night when he pos ltively identified the body of Captair Whisler as that of the robber was attested today by a staff officer who was TO SAFEGUARD TITLE resent at the identification. Before body of the officer was wheel-OF NATIONAL FOREST nto Wornall's presence, the wounder Holders of Permits For Grazing Live stock Warned Not to Pay.

permits for grazing in livestock on the national forest were notified today by

the secretary of agriculture that the payment of any bomus or allowance for waiver of the grazing privilege in connection with sales of livestock or ranch properties will be cause for reocation of the permit. The regulation is intended to preand committed the murders. After the crime, it now has been es-tablished, Whisler went to the quar-termaster's office, where he removed proaching vested rights in the public BATTLESHIP FLORIDA

class in French. CUP WINNER FOR 1917 Knew Detection Was at Hand Made Highest Score at Short Range quarters for a report from all com-pany commanders yesterday, the cap-

New York, Jan. 13.—The United States battleship Florida has been awarded the American Defense So-Captain Whisler recently took out clety cup for making the highest sco government insurance policy for \$10,-000. It was made payable to his fourduring 1917 at short range target prac-tice for battleships, it was announcteen year old son, Duane, Salina, Kas, Whisler's home, or in case of the son's death, to Whisler's father. Captair as been the occasion heretofore of a celebration for the purpose of increas-ing public interest in the navy. Be-

cause of the war the celebration has

SIX YALE MEN HAVE DIED IN COUNTRY'S SERVICE Announcement Made by Presiden

since January 30.

will now be realized.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 13.—At the chapel service at Yale University to-day President Arthur T. Hadley announced that in the closing months of 1917 six Yale men had given their lives in the service of their country. They per cent for wages for municipal lawere: Theodore C. Janeway, '19, Al-exander P. Humphrey, '05, Leonard B. Parks, '09, Kenneth B. Hay, '17, Irv-ing T. Moodie, '17, S. and Allen Da-vidson, '19.

The city's milk supply is diminish There has been no butter here

RECOGNITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF FINLAND

Financially. the independence of Finland by Germany will have important conse-quences financially for Finland, the quences financially for Finland, the Frankfurter Zeitung says. In German anks 52,000,000 marks stands to Finland's credit. This sum, which was seized at the beginning of the war,

ROPOSED BY CHAMBER OF COM-CRASHED INTO ANOTHER ON A MERCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS DOZEN PEOPLE HURT

No Friendly Relations With the United States Until German Government is Hill-The Motorman Jumped Of 200 Feet From the Collision.

> Thompsonville, Conn., Jan. 13.lozen passengers were cut or bruise ere today when a trolley car ran wild down a steep hill and crashed into the rear of another standing on a switch. None Seriously Injured.

The airbrake on a through car from Hartford on the Hartford and Spring-field line failed to work and the trol-ley sped down grade uncontrolled, the motorman jumping off 200 feet from the collision. None of the passengers was seriously hurt, although some had severe cuts from broken window glass severe cuts from broken window glasand others were bruised by thrown against seats.

NEW YORK HARBOR IS CHOKED WITH ICE Imost Complete Industrial Activity

New York, Jan. 13,-Almost complete in 24 hours because of the fuel short age threatened New York tonight wit he return of zero weather. Once nore the harbor is choked with ice and the task of bringing coal from the New Jersey terminals, which a ready had taxed the resources of rail-

road officials to the utmost, present a still more desperate menace. After a meeting held here today and attended by Fuel Administrators and leading coal dealers of the city it was declared that the situation is so seri ous it is possible many industries will be forced by tomorrow night to close

for lack of fuel,
Strenuous efforts are being made, it
is asserted, to keep hospitals, public
utilities and all other necessary buildings and industries supplied.
For two hours this morning the temperature remained at 5 degrees and a possible drop of several degrees dur-ing the night, was forecast by the

FRENCH WAR CROSSES

weather bureau.

FOR FIVE HARVARD MEN Edwin H. English of New Haven One of the Men Honored.

Paris, Jan 13.—The American field service has just received word that war crosses have been awarded of the French army of the Orient to five members of the section which recently these conditions and orges them also to study this situation and to co-operate to the end that a disastrous economic war may be averted and that a lasting peace may be made more cerumed from the Balkans. The men are William Emerson, Henry B. Pallering peace may be made more cerumer and Marquand Walker, all Harvard students and residents of New York; Edwin H. English of New Ha-

> The medals were awarded for courmen in the region of Monastir between December, 1917 and October, 1917, and especially during the period of heavy ombardment between March and August of last year.

ONE PER CENT. OF MEN FOUND TO BE TUBERCULAR

Of the 800,000 Who Have Been Exam ined for the United States Army.

New York, Jan. 13.—Less than one per cent, of the 800,000 men examined for the United States army were found to be tubercular. Colonel George M. Bushnell of the surgeon general's department, declared today in address-ing a war conference called by the National Jewish hospital for Consumpives at Denver.

Measures were being taken, Colonel Bushnell said, to keep infected men from entering the army by draft and from remaining in the army after the disease had been discovered. He de-clared that the United States army was the best cared for in the world. OBITUARY.

Senator James H. Brady. Washington, Jan. 13.—Senator James H. Brady of Idaho died at his home here tonight from heart disease. He suffered an acute attack a week ago yesterday while on his way to Wash-ington from Idaho and has been in a

critical stage since.

The senator's wife and several relatives were at his bedside. His two sons, S. E. Brady of Chandler, Okla., and J. Robb Brady of Kansas, were on a train from the west trying to reach Washington in time to see their father alive. The train, due today, had not arrived at a late hour tonight Rev. James J. McGettrick.

Danbury, Conn., Jan. 13.—After an illness of nine weeks, Rev. James J. McGettrick, curate of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church of Meriden, Roman Catholic church of Meriden, died at his home here tonight, Father McGettrick was 33 years old and a graduate of Holy Cross college. He was trained for the priesthood in St. Prieux, France, where he was ordained. He had been at his Meriden post for several years. His parents live in Danbury, where he was born.

Dr. Thomas D. Crothers. Hartford, Conn., Jan. 13 .- As the result of a cold contracted during the recent zero weather, Dr. Thomas D. Prothers, famed as an expert in the treatment of diseases caused by inebriaty and drugs, died at the Wal-nut Park Hospital here tonight. Dr. Crowthers was affiliated with numerous civic bodies at various times

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 13 -- Thoma

E. Moore, once a member of the legis-lature from Bloomfield, died today at his home here. He was \$1 years old and was formerly tax collector of Rev. Jacob A. Frommer New Haven, Conn., Jan. 13-Rev. mmer, rabbi of the Bic

was buried toray, the 64th anniversary of his birth. Rabbi Fromme had been head of this synagogue for 22 years, coming here from Cleveland, Ohio. He was the author of standard

Condensed Telegrams

British airmen brought down

The Japanese Ambassador left Washington for Tokio. Registration of all alien enemies in the country will begin Feb. 4 and end Feb. 8.

Elizabeth Guistof was arrested a German spy.

Fire which destroyed the entire En-derton block in Winnipeg caused a loss of \$1,000,000. Eleven alleged gunmen were caugh in a round-up in the Back Bay dis-trict in Boston.

Guests of Lord Rhondda, the foodletator of Britain, insist that the dine very plain.

A Hoboken saloonkeeper was sent to jail for nine months for selling li-quor to soldiers.

The names of one American killed and two wounded were on the Canadi an casualties list. King Alfonso of Spain issued a de

cree dissolving the Cortes. Elections will be held Feb. 2. General Nivelle of the French army was appointed commarmy corps in Algeria

Representative Sabbath of Illinois, introduced a bill to prohibit gambling in cotton or wool futures.

An unidentified passenger disap-peared from the River Line boat between Fall River and New York. Mrs. Blanquita de Saulles, recently

acquitted of the murder of her divorced husband, has gone to California. The American Red Cross will have

A new Russian army in France, ade up of the old Russian Legion made up of the old Russian Legion that was in France has gone into the

French refusees during the next five

British airplanes on the Italian front attacked a squadron of seven ma-chines of the enemy and brought

The trustees of the Suffield school at 2 o'clock tonight it had risen to 11 a military basis beginning with the degrees. Continued cold weather, with next school year. have voted to place the institution or

> The story from Washington that Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse has been denied credentials by Secretary Lansing are unfounded.

Henry Huckberg, a private in the Coast Artillery Corps, was killed accidentally in the barracks at the Picatinny, N. J. arsenal. The motorship Portland, which left Seattle Sept. 27 for South American

ports, was burned at sea with a cargo of 1.500,000 feet of lumber. Leut.-Commander David Worth Bagley, of the torpedoed American de-stroyer Jacob Jones praised the hero-ism of the men very highly.

Permission to close the Syracuse schools, for two months, owing to the lack of fuel, was requested by the

Reports from Rostov to Petrogram

New York Food Administrator Ar-thur Williams, on his return from Washington, reported there will probably be two meatless days a week.

Representative Osborn, of Cailfornia introduced a bill proposing to give the treasury \$100.000.000 to buy all Liberty bonds which are offered below

The Government requisitioned the carrier pigeons of the Highland Dis-trict Club at Springfield, Mass. The pigeons will be used on the French Dr. Arthur L. Breslich, president of

the Baldwin Wallace College of Beree, Ohio, was dropped, because he was termed a pro-German by students and

Arrangements by New York bankers to finance the next sugar crop of Cu-ba are under way. It is said that \$150,000 000 is involved in the ar-

The congregation of the Baptist church at Wallingford has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Dr. David W. Lovett, now pastor of the Baptis

Worrying over a possible depletion of his income by the income tax, Joh Griffiths, a wealthy retired liquo dealer, ended his life with gas in his

Massachusetts should take over the street railways was proposed in a bill filed in the Legislature and indorsed

Mrs. Albert Sweeney was brought to Danbury yesterday from Providence R. I., for trial on the charge of de-frauding a boarding house keeper. Her husband is under arrest in Providence and will be brought there on the

same charge. At a meeting of saloonkeepers in Danbury yesterday it was voted to curtail the hours of business three hours to conserve fuel. Today and until further notice, saloons will be open there from 6:30 in the morning

Announcement of the resignation of the Rev. William Williams, paster of the Congregational church at Suffield, Conn., was made to his arishioners yesterday. He leaves ssume charge of the Congregation hurch at Princeton, Mass., On April

Millers who desire to convert or set up mills for grinding corn, barley and rye in an effort to promote the conservation of wheat are offered the assistance of the newly established milling division of the food administration. J. H. Hammill of Minneapolis, is head of the division.

Word was received at Yale unive sity of the death in a hospital at Hoboken, N. J., of Benjamin S. Adams, a Yale student, who enlisted in the

## BREAKING TRAFFIC TIEUP AT CHICAGO

Hundreds of Thousands of Volunteer Workers Aided Municipal and Railway Employes Remove Snow

MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN BENT TO THEIR TAS.

In Chicago It is Impossible to Make Deliveries of Provisions in Many Sections-The City Has Been Practically Without Milk Since Saturday Night-Schools Are to be Closed This Week Until the Streets Are Cleared-Trains Were a Day Late-Eighteen Deaths in the Vicinity of Chicago Are Known to Have Resulted From the Storm

Chicago, Ean. 13,-Picks and shovels, effort was made to arrange a schedule. wielded by hundreds of thousands of volunteer workers, and tens of thousands of municipal and railway employes today succeeded in the bankers, including Otto H. Kahn, who ployes, today succeeded in breaking the absolute traffic tieup in Chicago was to have addressed a bankers meeting in Milwaukee tonight. and the middle west which had been caused by the intense blizzard that swept over this section Friday and In Chicago the situation, although improving, is still foreboding. It is still impossible to make deliveries of had been practically without milk since last night and dairies reported today

Saturday. Men, women and children bent willingly to the task of breaking traffic ways through the deep snow, while sunshine from a cloudless sky enabled them to make such progress that to-night railroads entering Chicago op-erated the first outgoing trains since yesterday afternoon. And from cities everywhere came reports that the vol-

ened fuel and food shortages.

No railway schedules were formed, but practically every road operating from here managed to send out at least out coal, it is thought that tomorate without coal, it is thought that tomorate without row night will see a danger of a serious coal famine averted. Many cars of coal were brought in from the outone train. Reports from outlying ter-ritory indicated that a majority of the scores of trains stalled in the snowdrifts yesterday gradually were pro-ceeding toward their destinations and that by tomorrow, with the present clear weather prevailing, all lines clear weather prevailing, all lines would be open. Several through trains from the east and a few from the west

ging brigades today were womensome clad in bloomers or overalls. In some sections the women were out at 4 a. m. They were assisted by thou-sands of children. Schools will be unteer workers had so opened streets and roads that their lines of daily traffice were able to penetrate the stormswept district, thereby ameliorating conditions which seriously had threatened find and food sheatened. for work in shoveling snow.

provisions in many sections. The city

that only preferred deliveries—to hos-pitals and to houses where there are children—will be made tomorrow.

Heading many of the volunteer dig-

skirts of the city today and there is no shortage in the supply. The difficulty in making deliveries is the only danwarning of the danger of fire because of the inability of the fire wagons to make their way through many streets.

from the east and a few from the west arrived today, 24 to 36 hours late.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy closed all local freight yards, so 48 to release the men for work in clearing the tracks. The Chicago switchyards were opened and scores of freight stock trains, blocked on the outskirts of the city, were brought in today.

Railroad officials announced that the usual number of trains could not be operated before tomorrow night. The ones sent out tonight were made up late in the afternoon and sent out whenever it was thought there was a chance for them to get through. No

FATAL FIGHT BETWEEN ITALIANS AT BRIDGEPORT

ers Shot, One Probably Fatally.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 18.—Vincen-Paoli was stabbed to death, Joseph Zsangb, of 96 Fulton street, was shot twice through the abdomen and is not expected to live, Vincenzo Nodafavi, of 141 Grand street and Joseph Luria administration told of co of 234 Lexington avenue, were shot in the right leg during a fight between delphia and other cities. Italians a a coffee house at 41 Lex-ington avenue this evening. The fight is said to have started

when Paoli and the partners of the concern owning the coffee house met to decide whether they should eject Paoli and his family from their dwelling place in the rear of the store as a new member of the concern wanted to have done in order that they the war probably will be might receive rent for the quarters shut down at least three Matters were brought to a head when until the fuel crisis is over. Paoli demanded coal for his quarters and this request was refused. He left the house saying "By God I'll get some anyway," and when he return-ed he had a gang of gunmen who started to shoot up the place. When Paoli attempted to stop the fight he was stabbed by some unknown member of the gang.

Many shots were exchanged dur-ing the brief battle and when the police arrived they found the knife with which Paoli was stabbed lying in the baby's crib covered wth blood. Two 32 calibre revolvers were found in a

In order to gain admittance to the ouse Sergeant Poland and a number of officers were forced to break down the door when they found that the RAILROAD EXECUTIVES IN

SESSION AT NEW YORK Decided to Ask Congress to

Federal Control to Period of War. New York, Jan. 13 .- Railroad executives representing 177 roads and 90 per cent of the mileage in the United States, at a conference held here to the interests they represent while un der federal management, decided to ask congress to limit government con-trol to the period of the war.

The executives believe the bill nov pending in congress is too vague be-cause it does not set a definite date for the government to reliquish the railroads. They could see no reason, it was said, why it should not be fixed for the duration of the war as has been the case with other industries which have come under federal man-

**ELDERLY WOMAN FOUND** of Miss Ella E. Smith Discovered

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 13. — The cody of Miss Ella E. Smith, 60 years old, was found today frozen in a room of a house occupied by her alone. She had not been seen by neighbors since Thursday and it is thought that she

CURTAILMENT OF COAL IS

TO BE BEGUN THIS WEEK

Apportionment Will Be Left Largely Federal Fuel Administrators Washington, Jan. 13.-Curtallment of coal to the less essential industries in eastern cities as a means of relieving the fuel famine will be begun early this week. Reports today to the fuel administration told of continued widespread suffering in New York, Phila-

Apportionment of coal will be left largely to federal fuel administrator in the states in which supplies are short. They will work under general instructions from Fuel Administrator Garfield to supply first householde and next industries producing w and next industries producing war materials. Many industries whose products are not necessary for waging the war probably will be required to

SIGNIFICANT GATHERING

AT MEXICO CITY Members of Military and Political Leaders Are to Hold Conferences

Mexico City, Saturday, Jan. 12.-Sumbers of military and political lead ers are gathering in Mexico City, Alonso Siller, former sub-secretary last February to reorganize the Mexican consulates in Germany and Austria, arrived today. General Francisco Murguia, military commander of the northern district; General Salvador Alvarado from Yucatan, General Juan Mendez from Oaxaca, General Amaro from Durango and Governor Arnulfo Gonzales from Chihuahua, are either ere or on the way.

his headquarters at Puachaca, whence be makes short trips. The time of his return to the capital is uncertain. FIRE DESTROYED PLANT

OF TORRINGTON NEWS Weston Block in Main Street Damaged

\$10,000 to \$12,000. Torrington, Conn., Jan. 13.—Fire which started in the basement and wept through the single floor above did damage estimated at between \$10,-000 and \$12,000 to the Weston block in Main street tonight. The cause of the blaze is not known. The Torring-ton News plant and the stores of George Pastos, a confectioner, and Vele Brothers, dealers in automobile supplies, were destroyed. The build-

ing is insured. \$1,000,000 FIRE IN INDUSTRIAL

BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS. Housed Thirty Industries-Fire Chief Believes It Incendiary.

broke out in the Industrial building, which housed thirty manufacturing concerns, tonight and destroyed the building and adjoining property, caus-ing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. Fire Chief Loucks said he believed that the Thursday and it is thought that she died of the cold, as there was no trace of any recent fire in the house and water pipes in it had become frozen, burst and flooded the apartments.

## FORMER TORRINGTON MAN BURNED TO DEATH. ished in New Rochelle.

was received tonight of the death by fire at New Rochelle, N. Y., of Briton C. Holcomb of this city. He had op-erated a photograph studio here for many years and had gone to New Rochelle to open another there and perished in a fire that destroyed his ne wplace of business. Identification was made by examination of receipts found in his clothing. Details of the fatal accident have ot been received here yet. He leaves

THREE BIG BUILDINGS BURNED AT GRAND RAPIDS

Snow Hindered the Firemen in Their Efforts to Control the Flames. Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 13,-

lawkins block, a six story office building in the business section, was com-pletely destroyed and two other big ildings adjoining were being swept by a fire of undetermined origin to-night. Almost impassable drifts of snow impeded the firemen in their efforts to control the flames.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—The Bavarian egislature has ordered the closing of rematories on account of the scarcity

DETAILS OF THE BANK

Suicide of Captain Whisler, Camp Funston, Kas., Jan. 13 .tails of the manner in which Captain Lewis J. Whisler robbed the bank at the army cantonment here and killed

only survivor of the captain's as cashier of the bank, had hovered rmy physicians that they permitted im to tell the full story of the trag-dy, which ended with the death of

Money Not Found.

Winter has settled down in earnest ties to prevent the threatened famine over all the important war fronts and beyond artillery actions, which are being carried out in very limited sections, there has been little fighting in the west or in the east.

Only pairol encounters are reported along the British lines and artillery action at two points on the French In Italy the terrific artillery and instantry fighting has given way to sarial warfare, which, however spect.

The London Daily Mail reports the from the bank by Captain Whisler. Federal Bank examiners today began checking the bank's accounts, but the interior of the building is in such a chaotic condition that it is exuected no statement will be made for two or three days.

It is also semi-officially reported from Petrograd that the Bilishevild from Petrogr

Petrograd be cut off.

A meeting of the Crown Council at
Berlin is reported by the Lokal Anzeiger, composed of Field Marshal
Von Hindenburg, General Von Ludendorff, the Crown Prince and other
German leaders Belatings with Rus-

were tied by the officer and all of them

cashier was made to read from a mag-azine to show that he could see and Then Whisler's body, dressed in his olive drab campaign uniform and up-right in a chair, was wheeled into the ward and placed directly before Wor-

"That's the man, that's the captain," exclaimed Wornall, according to the staff officer's story. Wornall then made a sworn statement that Whisler was the man who had robbed the bank

the bloodstains from his hands and garments. He then proceeded to a When an order came from head-

tain seemed to know that detection was at hand. It was then he shot himself to death.

Whisler, who was 26 years old, and his wife, Mrs. Vadne Whisler ,were divorced about a week ago. NCREASE IN COST OF LIVING AT STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, Jan. 13.—Official statis-tics on the cost of the necessaries of life in Stockholm during December show an increase of 15 per cent, over November and 110 per cent, as com-pared with July, 1914. The municipality is granting a war bonus of 67

Important Consequences

Warping to German | Trolley Car Ran Wild **Justrial Leaders** at Thompsonville

Controlled by Responsible Rulers. Washington, Jan. 13.-American busness men are asked in a referendum submitted today by the Chamber of merce of the United States to pass

commerce of the United States to pass upon a proposed warning to German industrial leaders that they cannot hope to resume friendly commercial relations with the United States after the war unless the German government has become a responsible instrument of the people.

It is proposed that the Germans be told that the United States, in common with other nations, supplied raw materials with which Germany made terials with which Germany made ready to start the world war, and that the lesson has been learned. News-papers and business men of neutral countries will be relied upon to carry

The referendum, suggested by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, now laid before half a million busi men through their commercial organ izations, submits this resolution

Resolution to Be Submitted. "Whereas, The size of Germany's present armament and her militaristic attitude have been due to the fact that her government is a military autocracy, not responsible to the German people; and "Whereas, The size of the German

ment forced on all nations; and

"Whereas, Careful analysis of eco omic conditions shows that the size of Germany's future armament will fundamentally depend on her after-war receipts of raw materials and profits from her foreign trade; and "Whereas, In our opinion, the American people for the purpose of prevent ing an excessive armament will as-suredly enter an economic combina-

tion against Germany if governmental

armament after the war will be the measure of the greatness of the arma-

conditions in Germany make it necessary for self-defense; and Removal of Excessive Armament. "Whereas, We believe the American people will not join in discrimination against German goods after the war if the danger of excessive armament has been removed by the fact that the Ger man government has in reality becom a responsible instrument controlled by the German people; therefore, be it "Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America earnestly calls the attention of the business men of Germany to these conditions and programs to

tain. Must Choose Responsible Government. "If the proposed action carries," says ques Magnini of the University of a statement from the chamber's headquarters, "the industrial leaders ono with the military part constitute the most powerful caste in Germany, will be bluntly told that Germany must choose a responsible gov-

ernment to conclude a just peace suffer the consequences of an outlaw after the war. "She will be denied economic intercourse with her best customer—the United States. The message could not fail of its purpose, as Germany cannot hope for years to come to re-establish satisfactory trade relations with Great Britain, Italy or France.

Stronger Than Official Action. "No single action by the United States can be calculated to go further States can be calculated to go further than this proposed action of America's business men. It is more potent in its authority, perhaps, than any similar warning coming from official sources. The difference lies in the fact that The difference lies in the fact that Germany might doubt whether congress would sanction a treaty with the allies for a trade boycott of Germany or that the people would abide by such a treaty were it made. This, on the other hand, would be direct notice to German business men that the business men of America have taken a concerted stand to close trade to Germany as long as it remains an outlaw. The further fact should be borne in

"The further fact should be borne nind that the proposal to discriminate against German trade after the war is not at variance with the president's announced policy not to continue after he war policies which would engender hatred among the nations. Quite the contrary, it might be said to constitute the second great drive to compel responsible government in Germany, the first being directed to the constitution-

alists within the empire." XPLOSION IN MINE PIT AT HALMEREND, ENGLAND

Of 247 Workers 87 Have Been Res-Halmerend, England, Jan. 13 .show that many perished in the explosion which occurred in a mine pit here yesterday morning. Of the 247 workers in the pit at the time of the lisatr, eighty seven have been rescued live and twenty-three bodies have been found. There is only a slander alive hope that any of those still entomi

incessantly in relays day and night, with oxygen supplies, but the various passages are everywhere blocked with wreckage. Nearly all the victims were young men and boys. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT HAMDEN WAS AFIRE

Fighters From New Haven Help-

ed to Save the Edifice.

Rescue brigades have been workin

New Haven, Conn., Jan 13. — Fire did damage to the Hamden Plains Congregational church to the amount of \$10,000 today and the aid of fire fighters from this city saved the total destruction of the building. The church is a landmark in Hamden and was discovered after by the section. was discovered afire by the sexton.

The Hamden firemen were unable to subdue the flames and an engine comany was sent from New Haven. church stands just across the city line and the New Haven apparatus arrived quick enough to save the frame work although the interior was well burned out